

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph on page 7, lines 15-24, as follows:

AcMNPC E2 is described in EP 621337, and co-pending U.S. Serial No. 08/009,264, filed January 25, 1993, which is incorporated herein by reference. AcMNPV V8 and V8vEGTDEL are described in U.S. Patent 5,662,897 which is incorporated herein by reference. V8vEGTDEL-AaIT is described in EP 697170-A1 and co-pending U.S. Serial No. 08/322,679, filed July 27, 1994, now US Patent 5,965,123. AcMNPV Px1 is described in co-pending provisional U.S. Serial No. 60/084,705, filed May 8, 1998, WO 99/58705 which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 37 and 38.

Amend claims 36 and 88 as follows:

36. (three times amended) A process comprising

- (a) preparing an aqueous mixture containing a pesticidal agent, a pH-dependent polymer, a base, optionally a plasticizer, optionally an ultraviolet protector, optionally an activity enhancer, optionally a glidant, and water;

wherein the polymer

- (1) contains ester groups and free carboxylic acid groups,
(2) is partially solubilized due to the action of the base, and

- (3) has solubilization pH greater than about pH 5.5, and wherein the amount of base added is well below the amount required to fully solubilize the copolymer such that no more than 10% of the free carboxylic acid groups of the copolymer are converted to salts;

wherein the mixture's pH is less than the polymer's solubilization; and

- (b) drying the mixture to produce a pesticidal matrix.

88. (four times amended) A pesticidal matrix comprising on a percentage-weight-basis of the matrix, from about 1% to about 50% of a pesticidal agent, from about 5% to about 50% of a pH-dependent polymer, from about 0% to about 25% of a plasticizer, from about 0% to about 30% of a ultraviolet protector, from about 0% to about 75% of a activity enhancer, and from about 0% to about 15% of a glidant; wherein the polymer contains ester groups and free carboxylic acid groups, is partially solubilized due to the action of a base, and has a solubilization pH greater than about pH 5.5, and wherein the amount of base utilized is well below the amount required to fully solubilize the copolymer such that no more than 10% of the free carboxylic acid groups of the copolymer are converted to salts.